

St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity

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February 25, 2024

Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues., Fri. - 12:00 Noon
Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am
Reconciliation OLP/SP Wednesday 4:00-5:00pm
SJB/HT Thursday 4:00-5:00pm

Office Hours for SJB/HT

Monday~Thursday 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-2:30pm
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St. John The Baptist/Holy Trinity

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday, 9:00am
Monday, Tuesday & Friday Noon in Chapel

Our Lady of Pompei/St.Peter Church

Saturday, 4:00pm ~~~~~ Saturday, 6:00pm Vietnamese
Sunday, 7:30am, 11:30am & 5:00pm
Sunday, 9:30am Vietnamese
Tuesday – Friday 9:00am in Chapel



Call the Rectory to arrange for Marriages, arrangements made six months prior to date. Contact our organist directly. Information will be provided. Call the rectory for baptisms and hospital/home visits.



February 25, 2024

Second Sunday Of Lent

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, “Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent.” I did. In my heart, the answer came: “Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days.” I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can’t do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God’s command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: “**Abraham!**” “**Here I am,**” he replied. **Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”** Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: “What do you want me to give up?” He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn’t make it easy.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

SJB/HT Office & Church Staff

Pastor Father Daniel Caruso
Secretary/Bulletin Nancy Bergeson

Senior Priest in Residence Fr. Lester Smith

In Residence Fr. Paschal Anionye

Music Director/Organist James Stanley

Buildings/Grounds Robert Warren

Religious Education Betty Warren

SJB/HT Religious Education

There are no Religious Ed Classes this week, Feb. 25th for Winter Recess. Classes will resume on March 3rd. Please pray for our students as they continue their education. Please especially pray for our 2 Confirmation II students who will be receiving their Confirmation on April 16th, and our 4 First Penance/First Communion students who will be receiving these Sacraments in the Spring.



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families, we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

Pray For Vocation

"This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!" Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him and reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrдио.org and follow us on Instagram @vocationssyracuse.



(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman On the Mountain



Why climb a mountain? "Because it's there," George Mallory famously said, before perishing in an attempt to scale Mount Everest.

God is an event planner; every detail matters, and the location is most crucial of all. On the mountain, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac. On the mountain, he restored Isaac to his father. On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured, revealed in all his mystifying glory as the beloved Son of God, the sacrifice which would finally balance the scale.

These things happened on a mountain because they could only happen on a mountain. The mountain is where the reckoning happens. It is where God takes, where He gives back, where He hands down.

In Lent, we encounter the mountain. We are removed from the distractions of ordinary life and placed outside the confines of our everyday habits. We find silence and mystery, pain and truth. We struggle and we become tired, and there is always a moment when we wonder if, perhaps, it would have been easier not to climb. There is always a moment when others look at us and think: "Why climb a mountain?"

I confess, I am not much of an outdoorswoman. Hiking, in my family, is any walking you do on a trail that is not paved, so I am far from qualified to comment on whether or not the view from the summit was worth George Mallory's life. But I do know a thing or two about struggling through a difficult experience. I know the strange peace that exists in the moment after it's all over and you catch your breath and realize you are a better, stronger, wiser person for the pain.

The mountain is there. Let's climb it.

"God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am!' he replied." — Genesis 22:1 ©LPi

Second Sunday of Lent

Today we are following Jesus up on a high mountain with Peter, James, and John. There they see Jesus "transfigured," his face like the sun and his clothes as white as light. Jesus is there conversing with Moses and Elijah.

What are we to make of this image of Jesus, the earthly teacher of this small band of disciples? They were merely followers of a teacher, a rabbi. When they see this and hear a voice proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son..." they begin to realize this man is more than just a rabbi. However, Jesus tells them to keep this a secret until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

Well, they have no idea what this means. Therefore, they continue to follow him as if he was just a human, a teacher. However, we live in the time after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead. Now it is we who must proclaim the good news of Jesus, the Son of God the Father.

Did You See!

Please make it a point to notice the paintings in the front vestibule of Park Street, as you come in, of the Holy Spirit and our two Churches, St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity. Painted and gifted to us by our own **Allan Chouinard!** Done many years ago and FINALLY put up. Thank you Allan. Love them!



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



Reflect: Readings and Gospel for 2nd Sunday Of Lent

First Reading: Abraham passed God's test to offer his beloved son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. Have you ever felt tested by God?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of God's generous love and affection for us, ever willing to defend and protect us. As we continue the Lenten journey, to whom might you offer some comfort and care this week?

Gospel: After witnessing Jesus' transfiguration, hearing God's voice, and commanded to silence, Peter, James, and John must have been spiritually and emotionally drained. What helps energize you spiritually?

Mass Schedule for SJB/HT & OLP/SP

Saturday February 24, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Mary Prince - Patti Arena
The Snyder Family - Anna
Dan Campolo - Daughter, Famia
Henry & Esther Pagano - Bob & Anne DeMoro
5:30pm SJB/HT - All the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist & Holy Trinity

Sunday February 25, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - Edith O'Connell - John Minozzi
9:00am SJB/HT - Trudy German - Pat & Norm Jaquin
11:30am OLP/SP - Cindy Caruso - Joanne Licitra
Rosemary Caracci - The Family
Phillip Marches - Carol Spurchise
Frank & Mary Caruso - The Pagano Family
Walter G. Brice & Mary J. Brice - Son, Frank
5:00pm OLP/SP - Gilda DiCaprio - James Medcraf

Monday February 26, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Marie Felice - Anne (DeJulio) DeMore
12:00pm SJB/HT - John Hucko - The Mott Family

Tuesday February 27, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Antonio Mellace - Wife & Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - Our prayer box requests

Wednesday February 28, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Mary Rose Strano - Joseph McFall
4:00pm-5:00pm OLP/SP Confession

Thursday February 29, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Robert Kalska - Paul
Pasquale Sisera - Joanne Licitra
Francis Caruso - The Caruso Family
4:00pm-5:00pm SJB/HT Confession

Friday March 1, 2024

9:00am OLP/SP - Maryann Felicia -
Paul & Valerie Waverchak
12:15 OLP/SP - Edido "Gino" Fabrizi - The Lupi Family
12:00pm SJB/HT - All victims & families of violence
7:00pm SJB/HT - Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 2, 2024

4:00pm OLP/SP - Giavonna Barbuto - Frank & Sue
Ron Reagan - Wife, Karen & Family
Nicholas J. Silvaggio - Tony, Nick & Joe
5:30pm SJB/HT - All the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist & Holy Trinity

Sunday March 3, 2024

7:30am OLP/SP - N/A
9:00am SJB/HT - Rita Carroll - Twin Cousins
Teresa Greenfield - The Family
Antonio Bianchetti - Lina & Joe Dauccio
11:30am OLP/SP - N/A
5:00pm OLP/SP - N/A



Lector Schedule - March 2nd & March 3rd

5:30pm SJB/HT: Owen Donovan
9:00am SJB/HT: Mary Barraco

Sacrificial Giving

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

Week February 17th & February 18th
SJB/HT Collection: \$2,411.00 OLP/SP Collection: \$5,121.00

Thank you to all those parishioners who have faithfully been mailing their envelopes because they still cannot attend Mass. If you have been away or have been unable to attend Mass, please remember to send your donation to the Parish Office. We appreciate whatever you can do to help with expenses.



The Sanctuary Lamp has been requested to burn for
Prayers answered

From All Faith's Food Pantry

Thank you for the wonderful donations over the Christmas season to All Faith's Food Pantry. Your generosity throughout the year is greatly appreciated.



fasting + alms + prayer

Contribution Statements

If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2023 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, 315-478-0916, email at nbergeson@syrdio.org or fill in the slip below and send to SJB/HT 406 Court St. Syr. NY 13208, or, save a stamp and put your request in a plain envelope and put it into the collection basket attention "Nancy".

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR REQUEST INTO YOUR CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES.

Name: _____

Address: _____

C/S/Z: _____ Envelope Number: _____

Remember: Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, De De Calkins, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Jenny Emmi, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Camille Grosso, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perrotta, Joe Petasano, Philomena Piraino, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Sal Scro, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Gerry Vaccaro, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler. **We also remember in our prayers our Service Men and Women and our Health Care Workers.**



**LENT
PREPARE
THE WAY OF
THE LORD**

